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In re Application of :  
Alfred ECKERT, et al. :  
Application No.: 09/341,109 :  
PCT No.: PCT/EP97/07238 :  
Int. Filing Date: 22 December 1997 :  
Priority Date: 30 December 1996 :  
Attorney Docket No.: AP8899 :  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR :  
STEERING OR CONTROLLING A :  
VEHICLE :

DECISION ON  
PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

The petition to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 17 July 2001 in the above-captioned application is hereby **GRANTED** as follows:

The appropriate petition fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(m) has been submitted.

All of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for revival have been submitted. Applicants' statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional" meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) at the time of filing this petition.

A review of the application file reveals that all of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) have been satisfied. The declaration of the inventors filed 17 July 2001 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497. Since the translation of the international application was not submitted until after 30 months from the priority date claimed of 30 December 1996, an amount of \$130.00 processing fee (fee code 156) for submitting a translation after 30 months will be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 18-0013, as authorized in the petition.

Applicants' claim for priority is acknowledged. The application has an international

filing date of **27 December 1997** under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a date of **17 July 2001** under 35 U.S.C. 371.

The request to revive the application abandoned under 35 U.S.C. 371(d) is granted as to the National stage in the United States of America.

The application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision, that is, for charging \$130.00 processing fee (fee code 156) to Deposit Account No. 18-0013, and for issuance of a Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 37 CFR 1.495 (Form PCT/DO/ EO/903), and for preparation and mailing of a filing receipt.



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